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LETTER DATED 11 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit the text of a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic concerning new acts of aggression committed by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement of 10 December 1992 by the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic

Over the last few days there has been a sharp deterioration of the situation in the regions of Azerbaijan bordering with Armenia. Regular units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, not confining themselves to the action of their expeditionary force in Upper Karabakh, are actively attempting to carry out offensive action along the entire Armenian-Azerbaijani border. After a lull, border towns of the Kubatlinsky, Zangelansky, Lachinsky and Kelbadzharsky regions of Azerbaijan have been subjected to rocket and artillery fire, starting on the night of 10 December 1992. From the direction of Kafan-Agarak, regular units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, with the support of armoured vehicles and MI-24 strike helicopters, attacked and seized the towns of Shaifli, Seidlyar, Agkend, Kazanchi, Barali, Gyunkishlag, Pirveisali, Dzhanbar, and Yukhary Geiali in the Zangelansky region, penetrating 15 kilometres into the territory of Azerbaijan.

This aggression, and the occupation of the Lachin area, have finally destroyed the myth of Armenia's non-participation in the conflict around Upper Karabakh. The Republic of Armenia is not only occupying part of the territory of a neighbouring State, but also finding it possible to conduct wide-ranging offensive action against it. In this context, the attempts of the leadership of Armenia to appeal to the international community once again on the basis of deliberately false assertions that Armenia is suffocating in the grip of a blockade are utterly absurd.

Azerbaijan has frequently, by concrete political actions, demonstrated in international forums its commitment to a peaceful solution of the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict, in the process of which, avoiding methods using force, the principles of territorial integrity will be restored, the rights of the Azerbaijanis driven from Armenia will be ensured, under international control, and the Armenian minority of Azerbaijan will genuinely be able to enjoy the rights guaranteed under the Constitution of the Republic. However, such a solution of the problem does not correspond to the interests of the advocates of "Great Armenia", who are stubbornly pushing the two neighbouring peoples towards the abyss of total war.

The Azerbaijani Republic calls upon the world community, Member States of the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and other authoritative international and regional organizations to make all possible efforts to stop the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan, which has persisted for about five years. Otherwise, this conflict is liable to acquire regional dimensions and to undermine the foundations of the new world order.
